(c) Any handler may elect partially regulated distributing plant status for any plant with respect to receipts of nonfluid milk ingredients assigned to Class I use under §1138.43(d). Payments may be made to the producer-settlement fund of the order regulating the producer milk used to produce the nonfluid milk ingredients at the difference between the Class I price applicable under the other order at the location of the plant where the nonfluid milk ingredients were processed (but not to be less than the Class III price) and the Class III price. This payment option shall apply only if a majority of the total milk received at the plant that processed the nonfluid milk ingredients is regulated under one or more Federal orders and payment may only be made to the producer-settlement fund of the order pricing a plurality of the milk used to produce the nonfluid milk ingredients. This payment option shall not apply if the source of the nonfluid ingredients used in reconstituted fluid milk products cannot be determined by the market administrator.

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§1138.77 Adjustment of accounts.

Whenever audit by the market administrator of any handler's reports, books, records, or accounts discloses adjustments to be made, for any reason, which results in monies due the market administrator from such handler, the market administrator shall promptly notify such handler of any such amount due, and payment thereof shall be made on or before the next date for making payment set forth in the provision under which the error occurred. Any monies found to be due a handler from the market administrator shall be paid promptly to such handler, except that the market administrator shall offset any monies due a handler against monies due from such handler. Whenever verification by the market administrator of the payment by a handler to any producer or cooperative association for milk received by such handler discloses payment of less than is required pursuant to §1138.73, the handler shall pay such balance due such producer or cooperative association not later than the time of making payment to producers or cooperative associations next following such disclosure.

§1138.78 Charges on overdue accounts.

Any unpaid obligation of a handler pursuant to §§1138.71, 1138.73, 1138.76, 1138.77, 1138.85, or 1138.86 shall be increased 1 percent beginning on the first day after the due date, and on the same day of each subsequent month until such obligation is paid, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The amounts payable pursuant to this section shall be computed monthly on each unpaid obligation, which shall include any unpaid charges previously computed pursuant to this section; and
- (b) For the purpose of this section, any obligation that was determined at a date later than prescribed by the order because of a handler's failure to submit a report to the market administrator when due shall be considered to have been payable by the date it would have been due if the report had been filed when due.
- (c) All monies collected pursuant to this section shall be paid to the administrative assessment fund maintained by the market administrator.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT AND MARKETING SERVICE DEDUCTION

§1138.85 Assessment for order administration.

As each handler's pro rata share of the expense of administration of the order, each handler shall pay to the market administrator on or before the 15th day after the end of the month 5 cents per hundredweight or such lesser amount as the Secretary may prescribe with respect to:

- (a) Receipts of producer milk (including such handler's own production) other than such receipts by a handler described in §1138.9(c) that were delivered to pool plants of other handlers or held in inventory at the end of the month:
- (b) Receipts from a handler described in §1138.9(c);
- (c) Receipts of concentrated fluid milk products from unregulated supply plants and receipts of nonfluid milk

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products assigned to Class I use pursuant to §1138.43(d) and other source milk allocated to Class I pursuant to §1138.44 (a)(7) and (a)(11) and the corresponding steps of §1138.44(b), except such other source milk that is excluded from the computations pursuant to §1138.60(d) and (f); and

(d) Route disposition from a partially regulated distributing plant in the marketing area that exceeds the skim milk and butterfat specified in §1138.76(a)(2).

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§1138.86 Deduction for marketing services.

(a) Except as set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, each handler, in making payments to producers pursuant to §1138.73, shall deduct 6 cents per hundredweight, or such lesser amount as the Secretary may prescribe, with respect to the milk of such producer (except a handler's own farm production) for whom the marketing services set forth in this paragraph are not being performed by a cooperative association as determined by the Secretary. Each handler making such deductions shall pay the deductions to the market administrator on or before the 15th day after the end of the month. The monies shall be used by the market administrator to verify or establish weights, samples and tests of producer milk and provide producers with market information. The services shall be performed by the market administrator or an agent engaged by and responsible to the market administrator.

(b) In the case of producers for whom a cooperative association is actually performing the services set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, each handler shall make, in lieu of the deduction specified in paragraph (a) of this section, such deductions from the payments to be made to such producer as may be authorized by the membership agreement or marketing contract between such cooperative association and such producers, and on or before the 15th day after the end of each month, pay such deduction to the cooperative association rendering such services accompanied by a statement showing the

quantity of milk for which such deduction was computed for each such producer.

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